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The Honorable Vernon Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. Ex Parte 671, Rail Capacity and Infrastructure Requirements

Dear Secretary Williams:

This is to request an opportunity to testify at the STB's April 11, 2007 hearing on "Rail Capacity and Infrastructure Requirements." My testimony will focus on CenterPoint Properties' experience and plans with respect to the construction of rail facilities, including intermodal facilities. Among other matters, I will discuss our views as to the need for additional rail facilities, the role of private developers such as CenterPoint in the planning and construction of such facilities for the benefit of the rail industry, and the role of innovative financing and public-private partnerships in developing essential infrastructure. I anticipate that my testimony will consume approximately 10 minutes.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Hemmer
General Counsel and Secretary

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